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1. The Polish Legation in Argentina has received confidential instructions from Warsaw to begin preparations for a large-scale repatriation of Polish nationals to begin in early 1950 and continue through 1951.
2. The Legation has been advised that no publicity is to be given the project at this time; however, a study will be made of the number of Poles in Argentina and the number desiring to return to Poland if given the opportunity. Passage to Poland will be paid by the Warsaw Government.
3. It is believed that the repatriation will apply to Poles in other Latin American countries as well as to those in Argentina.
4. The local Czechoslovak Legation is said also to have received similar instructions, as have, very possibly, the other Soviet satellite missions (with the exception of the Yugoslav Legation).

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the validity of which could not be judged, stated that Poles in Central and Southern Chile had received through the open mail propaganda praising the Communist regime of Poland and urging them to return to that country. The material was said to have come from the Polish Legations at Mexico City and Buenos Aires.

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dated October 1948 revealed that while such propaganda was being spread among Poles in Latin American countries two years earlier by at least one Polish Communist newspaper, Polska Wyzwolona, there appeared to be no evidence at the time of the report to charge that propaganda was being circulated by Polish diplomats in Argentina. In fact, the propaganda line at the time discouraged Poles from returning to Poland unless (1) they are wealthy and can care for themselves in Poland without government help, and (2) have special technical skills which can be used in the reconstruction of Poland. Furthermore, the Argentine source pointed out, the Polish Government has no transportation facilities to move large numbers of Poles back to their homeland. Most of the Polish freighters plying between Gdynia and Buenos Aires can handle only twelve passengers.)

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